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FIRST TRIP ... Ready to board a Torrance Transit System bus for its inaugural run to the Los Angeles International Airport are (from left) John Gregory, owner-host of the Torrance Ramada Inn; Torrance Princesses Effie Cumiford (front) and Jennell Shawgo; Mayor Albert Isen; J. Walker Owens, executive vice president of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce; and Jack Egan, manager of the Torrance Municipal Airport. This route will connect the Los Angeles and Torrance airports and provide service by way of Hawthorne Boulevard, 190th Street, Prairie Avenue, Redondo Beach Boulevard, the San Diego Freeway, and Century Boulevard. One-way time for the trip, which will begin at 6 a.m., is 30 minutes. (Press-Herald Photo)

School Study Proposal Turned Down by Board

Trustees Cool To City Plans For Site Study

Members of the Torrance Board of Education Monday turned a deaf ear to a proposal for a feasibility study of locating a new school in the area near Madrona Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard.

The proposal had come from the Torrance City Council, which last month deferred action on a change of zone to "give the board of trustees ... the opportunity to secure a school site in ... the area."

At issue before the council was a proposal by the R. A. Watt Co. to build a 500-unit apartment complex on the area near Madrona Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard—site of an old pig farm.

SCHOOL board members were very critical of the council Monday, claiming the city had tossed a zoning case at the board.

"The city should give up the planning function to the school district," Bert M. Lynn remarked, "so that the mayor and some councilmen won't be embarrassed on any future zoning cases."

Mrs. Kenneth Watts, president of the board, said if the city simply retains the present manufacturing zone, there won't be a problem with overcrowding the Madrona School—one expressed fear which was cited by the council in delaying the case.

MRS. WATTS also said the school district doesn't have funds now to purchase a school site and wouldn't have any funds available unless a new bond issue is passed.

Spokesmen for the Delthorne area, however, suggested that their neighborhood will face a school crisis and one urged the board to sell land at other school sites to pay for the Delthorne site.

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suggested that action by the board might prevent similar problems from arising in the Delthorne area.

Development of the proposed apartment complex would have added about 250 students to Madrona School, according to district projections.

Dr. J. H. Hull countered claims by Alerio that the area faces a "rapid growth" situation by pointing out that changes in the elementary

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Police Arrest Bandit

A 35-year-old Temple City man was arrested Sunday afternoon only minutes after he allegedly robbed Marineland of more than \$10,000.

Sheriff's deputies from the Lennox Sheriff's Station arrested Elmer Alvin Talbert, 35, about three miles from Marineland and recovered \$10,067.

Deputies Phil Osborne and Dan Miller made the arrest after they had heard a police broadcast. The suspect was apprehended at Crest and Highridge roads.

INVESTIGATING officers said a man dressed in a black suit brandished a small revolver and ordered Robert Ziegler, a security guard at Marineland, to walk to the auditor's office Sunday afternoon.

Once in the office, the suspect took Ziegler's gun and then removed the money from an open safe while holding the guard at gunpoint.

Ziegler called the Lennox Sheriff's station after the bandit had fled from the office.

The guard's gun was seen on the front seat of Talbert's car when deputies halted the vehicle, it was reported.



SAFETY WINNERS ... Two youngsters were honored by the Torrance Safety Council Monday as winners of the annual Bicycle Rodeo, co-sponsored by the Safety Council, the Torrance Fire Department, and the Junior Women's Club. On hand for the ceremonies were (from left) Mrs. J. Douglas Hedde, past president of the Junior Women's Club; James Bennett, a Madrona School student and top boys winner; Shirley Hayden, a student at St. Catherine's School and top girls winner; and Mrs. Ray Jutkins, representing the Safety Council. Don Baker (kneeling), general manager of Bullock's Fashion Square, gave each of the youngsters a new bicycle. Winners from each elementary school received trophies. (Press-Herald Photo)

Despite Protests

Councilmen Grant Restaurant Permit

Despite vigorous protests from neighborhood residents, the Torrance City Council voted 6-1 last night to grant a conditional use permit allowing the sale of liquor at a restaurant currently being built in a residential area.

The \$2.5 million restaurant is going up at 2115 W. 182nd St. near the corner of Wilton

Place. The restaurant will be located on property zoned C-2 (commercial). However, most of the surrounding property is zoned for residential use.

In granting the conditional use permit, councilmen overturned the action of the Planning Commission, but concurred with the recommenda-

tion of the city's Planning Department.

John Foley, representing restaurant owner Albert D. Gianni, told councilmen that the restaurant would be a "first class dinner house," and not a beer bar. He expressed offense at the idea that the wrong element would be attracted to the area because of the restaurant.

Foley said the presence of the restaurant would have little effect upon the pedestrians because the establishment would be doing little business during the hours when schoolchildren are walking home.

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Jaycee Officers To Be Installed

Torrance Jaycees will honor Robert Reifschneider, state president of the California Jaycees, Saturday during installation ceremonies for the local group's new officers.

Reifschneider will be the guest speaker and serve as installing officer for the local group.

The ceremonies will be held at the Plush Horse Restaurant in Redondo Beach, beginning at 6:30 p.m. with a social hour. Jim Burger will be installed as president of the Torrance Jaycees. Burger will succeed Leon Taylor.

Other Jaycee officers are Richard Marzec, internal vice president; John Dunbar, external vice president; Dick Smart, secretary; and Dave Schwartz, treasurer.

Mike Graziano will serve as state director and the seven local directors are Jim Altman, Lyle DeCuir, Art McWilliams, Andy Papp, Ed Stevers, Tom Donnelly, and Dennis Kirk.

During the evening, the Jaycees will present awards to their own members for outstanding participation during the 1968-69 year.

Taylor and his wife will host an open house at their home from 5 to 6 p.m. Incoming and outgoing board members, invited city officials, and other guests are expected to attend the open house.

Left Leg Fractured In Mishap

A Torrance boy suffered a fractured left leg Sunday when he rode his bicycle into the street from an alleyway and was struck by a car.

Reported in satisfactory condition yesterday at Little Company of Mary Hospital was Jeffrey L. Molchan, 7, of 21422 Marjorie Ave. Jeffrey also sustained a deep abrasion on his forehead and a laceration over one eye.

Driver of the car was Madeleine T. Buckley, 47, of 21317 Grant Ave. Mrs. Buckley was not held, police said.

The collision occurred at 4:05 p.m. on Scott Avenue near Marjorie Avenue.



FAMILY MEETING ... Members of two families now hold down five spots in student government at North High School. Shown here during a family "policy" meeting are (from left) David Leachman, sophomore class president; his sister Christine, commissioner of pep; Nora Pinon of Uruguay, foreign exchange student and a member of the student council; her foster sister, Lori Rotante, commissioner of publicity; and her brother, Randy Rotante, freshman class president. During the 1969-70 school year, David will be student body vice president and Lori will serve as commissioner of art.

'Golden Apple' Awards Given to Two Persons

A Torrance police officer has been honored by the Torrance Elementary School Principals' Association with its "Golden Apple" award for the 1968-69 school year.

Police Sgt. Thomas Woodridge, who heads up the Torrance Police Department's crossing guard program, received the annual award.

A second "Golden Apple," presented each year to an educator, was given to Dr. Donald Duncan, who recently became assistant director of the Division of Curriculum and Instructional Services in the Office of the Los Angeles County Superintendent of Schools.

SERGEANT Woodridge joined the Torrance Police Department in 1956 and has served in both the patrol and traffic divisions. He is now assigned to the traffic division as crossing guard sergeant.

He and his wife Lynn live in Torrance with their two daughters.

Dr. Duncan, who joined the Torrance Unified School District in 1962, had served as

principal of Carr, Riviera, and Hickory elementary schools.

HE ALSO has worked closely with other district officials in the development of the modern math and academically talented programs.

He and his wife are parents of two children. The family lives in San Pedro.

The "Golden Apple" awards are given annually to a lay person who, in the opinion of the principals' group, "has been an inspiration and guiding hand in the lives of Torrance youth" and to an educator who has made outstanding contributions in the field of education.

Redondo Selects Chamber Leader

A Las Vegas man has been picked as manager of the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Selection of Cedric Olson, former manager of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, to head the Redondo Beach Chamber was announced Monday afternoon by James B. Wood, Chamber president.

Olson was picked over a field of some 50 candidates by a unanimous vote of the Chamber board. He will assume his new post June 16.

The new manager succeeds R. S. (Dick) Fitzgerald, who resigned to become director of the newly established Los Angeles County Department of Beaches.

Manager of the Las Vegas Chamber for seven years, Olson also was employed by the Las Vegas Convention Bureau. He is a native of Chicago, Ill., and has been active in the field of chamber management since 1947.

He is a past manager of the Burbank, Calif., Chamber of Commerce and a past presi-



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dent of the Nevada State Chamber of Commerce and the Mountain States Chamber Executives Association.

Olson also is a former chairman of the Board of the Regents for the Institute of Organizational Management at Santa Clara University.